SUNDAY MONDAY **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY** Take showers instead of baths. Reducing a shower from eight to five minutes, according to CSU, can save up to 600 gallons a month. Use a kitchen timer set for 8 minutes and take the challenge to finish the shower within that time. For information on water/energy efficient appliances, log on Don't use your toilet as a trash can - it wastes water to flush trash articles. to http://www.energystar.gov. EQWG 1000-1130 MANEUVER DAMAGE **ECO/BLDG ENERGY FLAG EPO MEETING** CONTROL CLASS MONITOR 1300-1400 1300-1400 HAZ MAT 1400-1445 1300-1400 DAY Bldg 218 Green Bldg. Green Bldg **SUMMER FATHER'S** Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher, and don't pre-wash **BEGINS!** dishes before placing into the dishwasher. DAY According to the EPA, nearly 14 percent of the water a homeowner pays for is not used, it goes down the drain from such activities as letting water run until it gets cool, washing fruit in the sink with the water running instead of in a basin and using the garbage disposal instead of composting food For information on how to conserve water check out http://www.epa.gov/

owm/ water-efficiency/index.htm. http://www.csu.org/residential /conservation/

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items such as vegetables and fruit.

WHERE'S THE WATER?

SAVE MONEY, SCARCE RESOURCE

 \prod temperatures of late are any indication, summer is bearing down on us soon and water use is already increasing. Since drought conditions are entering their third year, water is, and will continue to be, at a premium.

There are products available on the market to help consumers use water more efficiently and thereby save money, especially if they live off post where they bear the cost of water usage. Home appliances that use water efficiently are useful throughout the year, but especially when the need to maintain lawns increase overall water demand in the summer.



A government-backed program that helps consumers easily find such appliances is the Energy Star program. The Energy Star program was developed to help the environment by labeling superior, energy-efficient products.

Some water-saving measures for indoors from the Environmental Protection Agency and Colorado Springs Utilities include:

- Installing a low-flow toilet. Homes built before 1992, may still have highvolume toilets that use from 3.5 -to-5 gallons of water per-flush. Since 1992, homebuilders have been required to install 1.6 gallons-per-flush toilets, which can save between 14,000 and 25,000 gallons of water use a year for a family of four. A low-flow toilet can significantly offset overall water use since toilets use the most water in a home.
- Replacing old clothes washers with an energy-efficient one. Wash machines are the second largest water user in a home. Consumers should look for the EPA Energy Star symbol when replacing a washer, dishwasher or any other appliance. Energy Star rated washers use between 18 to 25 gallons of water per-load as compared to standard machines, which use up to 40 gallons per-load.

People can apply for a \$125 rebate from CSU when they purchase a water-conserving clothes washer and \$25 for the purchase of a low-flow toilet. For details, log on http: //www.csu.org/residential/ conservation/page2837.htm.

- Installing low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. Buying low-flow showerheads, for instance, can save consumers up to 600 gallons of water per month, according to CSU, and the difference in the feel of low-flow shower heads versus normal show heads is negligible.
- Checking for water leaks in the home. To check for leaks, CSU suggests reading the water meter before and after a two-hour interval in which there is no water used. If the meter reads at a higher rate, then there is a leak in the home.

